



Jeffrey L. Sedgwick
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Biography

On January 3, 2008, President George W. Bush designated Jeffrey L. Sedgwick to serve as the Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP). In this capacity, Mr. Sedgwick is responsible for providing overall management and oversight of OJP, whose mission is to enlarge the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, improve the criminal and juvenile justice systems, increase knowledge about crime and related issues, and assist crime victims. He also both guides the development of OJP policy and priorities and coordinates the activities of its bureaus and offices.

Acting Assistant Attorney General Sedgwick oversees OJP activities related to major Bush Administration and Department of Justice initiatives, including Project Safe Neighborhoods, Project Safe Childhood, the President's DNA Initiative, the Prisoner Reentry Initiative, and Helping America's Youth.

Mr. Sedgwick also presently serves as director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the statistical agency of the Department of Justice, a position to which he was appointed by President George W. Bush in January 2006. He was confirmed by the United States Senate in March 2006. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Sedgwick taught for 28 years at the University of Massachusetts – Amherst, a position from which he is currently on leave.

In his academic career, Mr. Sedgwick has taught and written on a variety of aspects of American Government including public finance, policy analysis and evaluation, criminal justice policy, and executive leadership. He is the author of *Law Enforcement Planning: The Limits of an Economic Approach* and *Deterring Criminals: Policymaking and the American Political Tradition*.

Mr. Sedgwick has directed or participated in a wide variety of international programs in the past decade including lecturing or teaching in countries as diverse as Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Romania, Ukraine, Russia, Belgium, Germany and Trinidad/Tobago.

Mr. Sedgwick earned his A.B. from Kenyon College (1973) and his M.A.P.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia (1975 and 1978 respectively).

Mr. Sedgwick and his wife, Patricia Young Sedgwick, have two adult children: son Alexander of Brooklyn, New York and daughter Hilary of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.